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THE P. E. ISLAND COAST.

It was given out a short time ago that American fishermen were swarming about the mouth of the Miramichi. A Canadian cruiser is there now and there are no poachers. The mackerel fleet were heard from at Bay Chaleur. The mouth of this bay is now guarded. One cruiser has all Prince Edward Island for her field. She went to the place where it was reported that 150 sail of fishermen, mostly American, were reported to be, and according to the Charlottetown Examiner, chased one vessel ashore which proved to be a Nova Scotian. How the men ashore know that vessels outside were American is not stated. The Terror is still at Shelburne, where she is kept busy, and the Middleton seems to be needed in Charlotte County. Unless the Prince Edward Island coast is guarded with about a score of cruisers it is said that our American consuls may get an occasional day's fishing before the police arrive, especially if nothing better than sailing vessels are used. Prince Edward Island has several hundred miles of coast and one cruiser cannot be all around the island at once. But does the Examiner mean to say that the captain of the Houlett, or whatever cutter it was, went away leaving 150 American fishing schooners hovering about the three mile limit? Our understanding is that the captain of the Houlett is not that sort of a man.

A DANGER TO BE FACED.

By and by the great democracy of Canada will come to understand the peril in which this nation is placed by the new Quebec movement, supported as it is by the leaders of the political parties of Canada. The British race is sometimes a little slow about taking in the full meaning of things, and it is not over quick to act. But the meaning is pretty certain to be taken in eventually and action is sure to follow. The new national party of Quebec has been organized with the object of making a decided change in the Canadian system of government. The avowed purpose is to place the government of this country more under the control of the French speaking people, than it now is. The actual purpose goes further and aims at the permanent ascendancy of a certain class, and that a very dangerous class, of the French speaking people. The way in which the movement began shows what its character is. Louis Riel, a murderer and rebel, had been hanged, after having received a fair trial, an adequate defence, and the benefit of an appeal. The courts of the empire having jurisdiction in the case, it had been proved that this man started the Northwest agitation, that his personal appeal had induced the Indians to set out on their bloody course, that he by all means in his power prevented a peaceful settlement of the troubles, that he had deliberately announced his intention before hand of causing the prairies to run with blood, and that in all the proceedings he was prompted by mercenary motives. There was no redeeming or mitigating element in Riel's criminality and it was intensified by the fact that he had once already been pardoned for a foul and brutal murder. This was the man whom the 'Nationalists' ordered the government to protect from the law, because Louis Riel was half French and had been at times a Roman Catholic. The government of Canada is neither French nor English, Catholic nor Protestant. Its mission is not to interfere with law for the benefit of any class or creed, but to enforce respect for law and justice among all creeds and classes. The government did not obey the mandate from Quebec, and the law took its course. There arose the cry for revenge. Great numbers of exalted people were collected together and heard speeches, in which they were told that England was the murderer because he was French, and the Orangemen because he was a Catholic. 'Down with the hangmen' was the cry which was started in Quebec in those autumn meetings, and it is sounding in the province still. 'Avenge the death of Riel' was the last injunction given to the Chamby electors by one of the orators of Quebec, a man who abandoned to re-ate, was once the minister of justice for Canada. At this moment in the election campaign now going on in Quebec, the only appeal made to the people on one side is the cry of vengeance. The leader of the opposition of the Quebec government has solemnly and deliberately stated that there are no longer Liberals and Conservatives in that province, there are but two parties, the Nationalists and the hangmen. By Nationalists he meant those electors who demand that no criminals shall be punished in this country if the French Canadian desire their escape; by hangmen he means that portion of the people of Canada who believe that the government should not be punished for disobeying the mandate of the friends of Louis Riel, but should be upheld in their course. Mr. Laurier, the leader of the federal opposition in Quebec province, has with equal deliberation stated that there is one issue before the electors and that is the Riel issue.

THE WESTERNLAND SHERIFFALTY.

The Moncton Times republishes the St. John Globe's statement that the new sheriff of Westernland will perform his duties in a manner so satisfactory to the people of Westernland that they will enjoy a new sensation. The Times commenting on this reflection on the late sheriff says: 'The above, which was copied by the Transcript, evidently means to convey that the duties of sheriff were not satisfactorily discharged by Mr. Chapman. The late sheriff's judgment, is a dastardly, cowardly assault on a gentleman whose only offence was that he was a Frenchman, and the Orangemen no man ever charged that Mr. Chapman was not strictly impartial in discharging the duties of his office and it is well known that in matters not affecting strict duty he gave due (if not too much) consideration to the interests of the late sheriff's party. The late sheriff's office, a man, more despicable than the dismissal of Sheriff Chapman was never perpetrated by any government in this province and we much mistake the temper of Chapman's friends if his enemies are not made to realize that the weight of the law brings his revenge. As a matter of public policy it is a terrible wrong to make the sheriff's office the tool of party; as a matter of justice it is an outrage.

IT IS A PROOF OF THE EXTREME GULLIBILITY OF THE BRITISH RACE THAT THE ANTI-COAST BOATS ARE POPULAR.

These boats are taken on the assumption that Anticosti has great agricultural resources and a good climate. The purchasers believe that this island offers a fine field for settlement, and the understanding is that emigrants will arrive and locate there in large numbers. There are plenty of good farming lands in Canada easy to obtain and offering the best possible inducements to immigrants. But Anticosti is barren and rocky. The inhabitants are leaving the place. The only industry is fishing, and it is not necessary to live there in order to catch fish on the coast. Yet with fertile lands awaiting settlement in New Brunswick no doubt hundreds of desired folk will be led to settle in Anticosti. So great is the gullibility of the Anglo-Saxon race.

THE CUTTING CASE.

'If England were in the place of the United States and the United States in the place of Mexico, England would fight,' somebody says. Well if an Englishman went to the United States and acquired a domicile there, and afterwards transgressed the law of the land in which he was domiciled and was punished for that man, there is, however, little doubt that Mexico would cut cutting go, and glad of the chance, if the little subsidiary state which holds the man would only obey Mexico. This assertion of state rights and the difficulties it involves will be quite intelligible to the authorities at Washington.

ONE of the questions to be discussed in the forthcoming meeting of the general conference of the Canadian Methodists is the length of the pastoral term. There is no quarrel with the itinerant system, but many are in favor of extending the term. Many examples are found of the tendency of the different denominations to converge toward a common method of church government. The Methodists are talking about an extension of the pastoral term, which has been shown in another column, in the Baptist churches the term is growing shorter. We believe that a study of the history of Presbyterian congregations would show that they change pastors much more often than formerly.

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOWAT'S friends have discovered that he is of French descent. The name they say was originally Monan (pronounced Mo-an). The friendly report is that the family left France many centuries ago and settled in Scotland, receiving several large grants of land from the crown. The discovery of the French descent is so opportune as to look like an invention, but for the corroborative circumstances of the crown land grant. This makes the identification straight. Did Mowat (pronounced Mo-an) completely (commence denouncing other crown land grantees? If so it is indeed ho.

BOSTON market reports for the past week do not indicate a large catch of mackerel by the New England fleet, either in Canadian waters or anywhere else. The quantity of mackerel landed during last week was 7,000 barrels, about one-third the quantity for the corresponding week last year. The total produce for the season is 33,537 barrels, which is less than one-fifth the quantity landed at this date in 1885.

THE NATIONALISTS OF QUEBEC ARE TAKING A PLEASANT CHARACTERISTIC PART IN THE LOCAL CONTEST.

Pieces of rope are thrown at the government speakers, the crowd about 'hangman,' 'hangman,' and the Grit press declares that the meeting is a great triumph for the Grit party.

AN APOHAQUI SENSATION.

APHAQUI, Aug. 16.—Whoop! whoo-coop! whoop-coop-coop!!! That was the kind of a noise that was heard in Aphaqui in the wee small hours of Sunday morning. And thereby hangs a tale. On Saturday night, two young white men, brothers, named Duncan, and three Indians boarded the nine o'clock freight train for Sussex, they got a supply and started to walk back. As the distance is about five miles they had to make a detour to the right, and they were from time to time by taking 'a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull all together'—at a freight train, and the Indians were recently arrived in these parts, and he and his livery brethren soon began to wrangle in a friendly, somewhat noisy, but not serious, way. The Indians were of the name of the 'Duncan boys' and they were two, one the Duncan boys desired it but the other was not so much interested. The latter then retired from the conflict and after a sharp scolding the brothers came off victorious. 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